

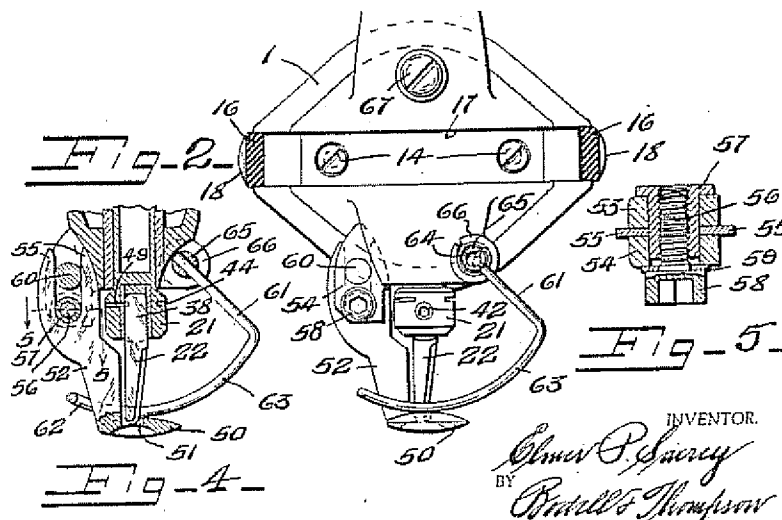
REMARKS

Initially, Applicant extends his gratitude for meeting with Applicant's representatives during an in-person interview which took place on Thursday, June 24, 2010.

A Replacement Drawing Sheet showing Figures 5, 6A and 6B is attached hereto. Original Figure 6 has been modified and is now labeled as Figures 6A and 6B. No new matter as been added. The specification has been modified to reflect this change.

By this amendment, independent claim 67 has been canceled in favor of amended claim 68, and new claim 69 has been added with dependant claims having the same scope as those still depending from claim 68.

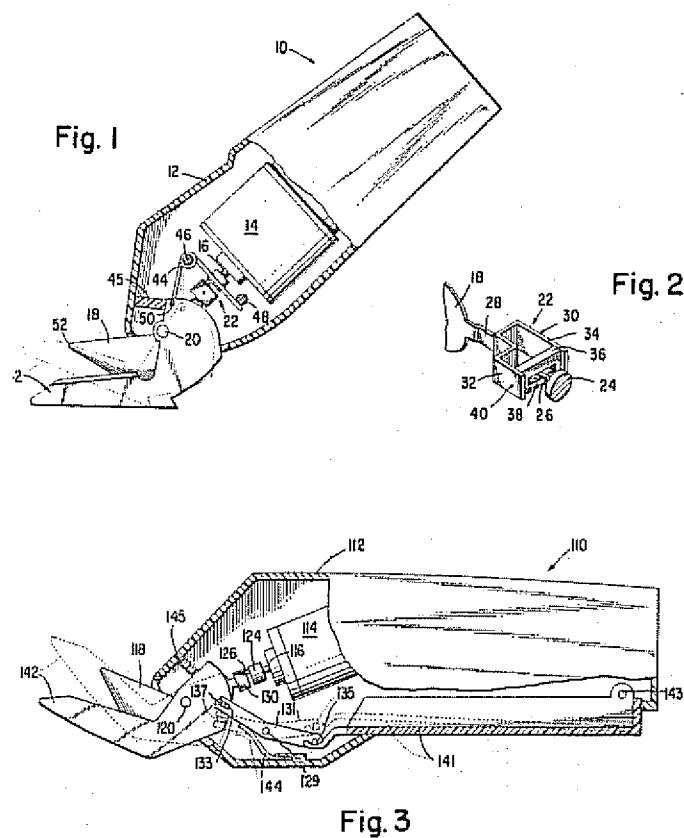
Claim 68 was rejected under 35 USC §102(b) over Sacrey, U.S. Patent No. 2,105,535. However, particularly in view of the current amendment, Applicant believes the rejection has been overcome. In particular, it is noted that Sacrey does not teach or suggest *a fixed portion having a cutting edge*. Rather, Sacrey discloses a hole in a shoe within which the moving blade is always positioned (see below).



The moving blade 22 never completely exits the hole so there can be no interaction with a cutting edge on the fixed shoe, even if it did have a cutting edge. Nor in Sacrey does one find a

moveable second portion which pivots relative to the fixed first portion; instead, as evident from the above, the blade in Sacrey reciprocates along a linear path, like a jig-saw blade.

Claim 68 was also rejected under 35 USC §103(a) over Herr in view of Wang. However, as discussed during the in-person interview, Herr fails to teach or suggest a stationary portion which is *rigidly mounted* on the housing. Rather, as depicted in Figures 1-3 of Herr, below, both blades are pivotally attached to rotate about axis 20 (120).



### Conclusion

It is believed that the present amendment places all of the claims in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney if doing so would advance prosecution of this case.

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